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[Docket No. HM-50; Amdt. 173-35]

PART 173—SHIPPERS

Extension of Retest Period for Certain Safety Relief Valves

The purpose of this amendment to the Hazardous Materials Regulations of the Department of Transportation is to extend the retest period for safety relief valves of the spring-loaded type on specifications 106A and 110AW type tanks used exclusively in the service of fluorinated hydrocarbons and mixtures thereof which are free from corroding components.

On May 29, 1970, the Hazardous Materials Regulations Board published a notice of proposed rule making, Docket No.

HM-50; Notice No. 70-11 (35 F.R. 8450) which proposed the amendment to permit such valves to be retested every 5 years in place of the present 2-year interval.

Interested persons were invited to give their views on this proposal. The one comment received supported the proposal.

Accordingly, 49 CFR Part 173 is amended as follows:

In § 173.31 paragraph (d)(8) Retest Table 2 is amended by inserting reference to footnote e in subcolumn headed "Safety relief devices," and by adding footnote e as follows:

§ 173.31 Qualification, maintenance, and use of tank cars.

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RETEST TABLE 2

Specification	Retest interval— years		Retest pressure— p.s.i.		Safety relief valve pressure—p.s.i.	
	Tank	Safety relief devices*	Tank hydro- static ex- pansion ^a	Tank air test	Start-to- discharge	Vapor tight
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* Safety relief valves of the spring-loaded type on tanks used exclusively for fluorinated hydrocarbons and mixtures thereof which are free from corroding components may be retested every 5 years.

This amendment is effective December 31, 1970. However, compliance with the regulations as amended herein authorized immediately.

(Secs. 831-835, Title 18, United States Code; sec. 9, Department of Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. 1657)

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